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SUBJECT: NEW CONFRONTATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT

1. PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON (MAY 16) AT PL-480 SIGNING CEREMONY THAT PARLIAMENT HAS CONVOKED HIM AND ENTIRE CABINET TO APPEAR BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE INFORMED LON NOL OF THIS ACTION POINTING OUT THAT, WHILE HE CAN HANDLE CURRENT STUDENT/TEACHER AGITATION, HE WILL FIND IT MORE DIFFICULT TO MEET THIS PARLIAMENTARY CHALLENGE, WHICH APPEARS TO BE AN EFFORT TO BRING DOWN THE CABINET BY FORCING THE HANDS OF THE REPUBLICAN MINISTERS (WHO REFUSE TO APPEAR BEFORE IT).
2. ACCORDING TO LONG BORET, LON NOL STATED THAT, IF NECESSARY, HE WILL AGAIN SUSPEND PARLIAMENT'S POWERS (METTRE L-ASSEMBLEE EN VEILLEUSE).
3. I AM DINING WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT TOMORROW EVEING AND WILL IMPRESS UPON HIM AND OTHER PARLIAMENTARIANS PRESENT THAT THEY HAVE GONE MUCH TOO FAR AND THAT THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO ATTEMPT TO SHIFT CHAIRS IN THE GOVERNMENT.

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